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## FOZEN ASSET



Former Louisiana Rep. William Jefferson walks to federal Albert V. Bryan Courthouse in Alexandria, Va., Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009. Former Louisiana congressman William Jefferson, left, stands outside the with his wife, Andrea after being convicted on 11 of 16 counts, Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009, in Alexandria, Va.

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SPORTS NEWS

## ELI'S COMING



Eli Manning arrives at New York Giants NFL football training camp in Albany, N.Y., on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009. Eli Manning has agreed to a new six-year, \$97 million contract extension with the New York Giants that will make him the highest paid player in the NFL with an average salary of roughly \$15.3 million.

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“Clothing for the Demanding & Desirable”

## Dianleri fashion show at Paseo Herencia Mall



PALM BEACH – This past Saturday evening, Aruba’s very own fashion designer from Dianleri. The event started at 8:30 and lasted for about 2.5 hours. Dianleri Boutique, for the demanding and desirable, combines the feminine and



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Sailors from that race have wanted to bring back that

classic around the island race which had seven international visitors and five Aruba sailors. So last year, the sailors organized a fun race around Aruba for local sailors.

Success breeds success. Café Rembrandt decided to support the expansion of the racing this year with the Aruba Rembrandt Regatta. The



regatta is Saturday August 15 and 16 with over 37 sailing vessels from 3 to 17 meters participating. Racing will include an around Aruba race for cruising and racing yachts, which includes a large number of yachts from Curacao.

Eric Mijts, race organizer, said “Bonaire has been doing this for over 40 years. We have great sailing in Aruba and are off to a great start.

This will give Aruba another niche in the market with it being out of the hurricane



area for international sailors.” Rembrandt’s is pleased with having so many national and international competitors in the Regatta, “With this start and the results published in International Sailing and cruising publications, we will have even more yachts in 2010,” a spokesman reported. Because Aruba is outside the hurricane area, insurance for sailing yachts to visit and stay

is less expensive. Rembrandt is organizing this and other sailing events to increase yachting tourism in Aruba.

The weekend of August 14 to 16 will not only bring sailing competition to Aruba, but also a big party: Café Rembrandt will be the venue for three days of regatta festival with live music. Everybody is welcome. □

## Loyal friends of Aruba honored at the Divi Village Resort



ORANJESTAD - Recently at the Divi Village Resort vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of goodwill title. The recent honoring were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Divi Village Resort they call their home away from home. Frederick & Diane Davis, Michael & Marilyn Martin were honored as an Ambassador of goodwill after visiting Aruba for more than 20 years and Drew & Ruth & Brain Bartok were honored as distinguished visitors.

Pictured: Mr. Ricardo Croes together with all honorees and also Hilda from the Divi Village Resort. □







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Pictured Mr. Ricardo Croes together with all honorees and also Moraima Giel from the Aruba Beach Club. □



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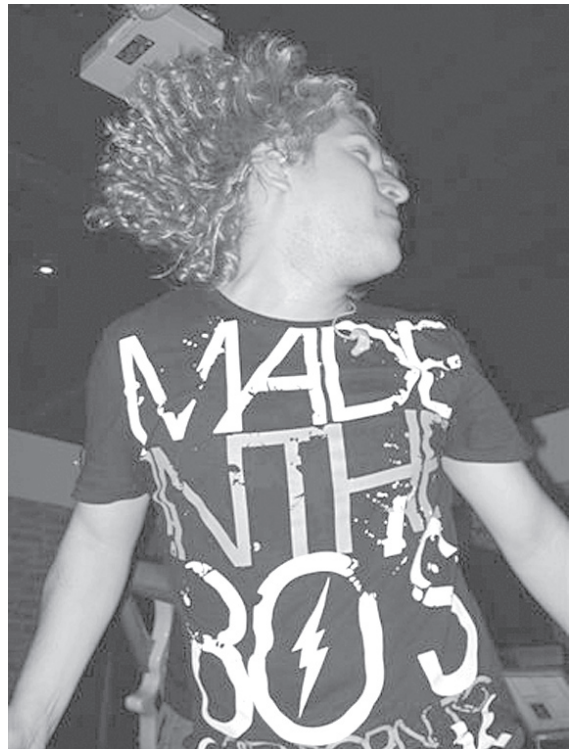


# Acoustic Soul Rocks Rembrandt Café



South Beach Centre – Acoustic Soul entertained a large crowd of locals and visitors on Friday night at Rembrandt Café, South Beach Centre. The band is continuing its interactive musical tour and moved uptown this weekend from its regular home in Oranjestad at Café Chaos.

It was an excellent night at the packed to the gills Rembrandt Café as the band played a super long set with one hit chasing the other. “Our repertoire has been ever expanding,” says vocalist Jairo Boekhoudt whose excellent control of high notes combined with stage acrobatics earned him a great number of fans. Now with new songs by Katy Perry, Black Eyed Peas, Alice Cooper, even Carlos Vives and Mana, Acoustic Soul is all out to please fans and rock the universe, regardless of age and genre. And the crowds are continuously growing, exponentially along that famous repertoire.....☐







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By: Julie Taymor, Thursday 6th August 2009 at 8.00pm.

# “Musa Café” presents “Frida Kahlo”



ORANJESTAD - Julie Taymor's biography of Mexican painter Frida Kahlo connects the dots between art and anguish. The disparity lies in the fact that Frida settles for tickling a fancy where it should be packing a punch. Although involving and sprightly, it offers the kind of guilty pleasure a Fine Arts student might derive from a glossy cartoon strip.

## “GENUINE GUTS”

It's left to Salma Hayek, as the bushy-browed, brush-wielding bandido, to show genuine guts. Her spirited portrayal breaks free of the clunky confines in a fitting nod to her fellow countrywoman. Frida spends much of her life trussed in a body-brace after a freak

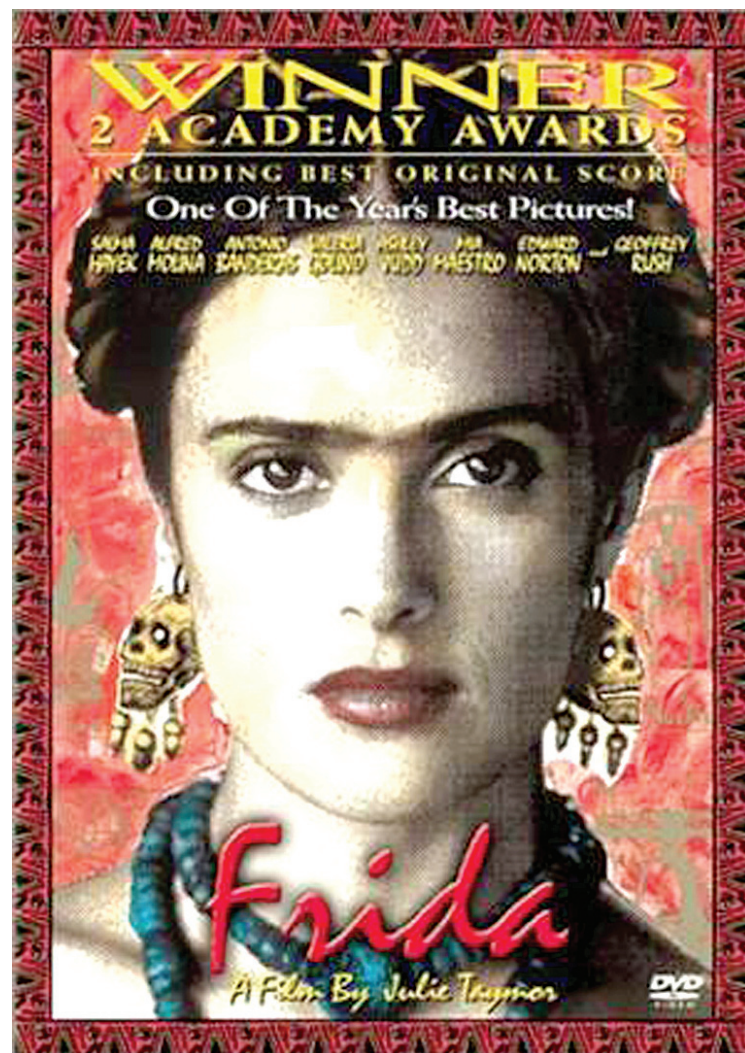
road accident. Cursed with interminable pain, she celebrates life in the only way she knows how: on canvas.

Like guacamole - heavy on the chilli - Frida is green but brash, seeking guidance from Mexican grandmaster Diego Rivera (Alfred Molina). Suitably impressed, the skirt-chasing chieftain becomes Frida's mentor and lover. Here, the story takes another hard turn: Frida's passion for art is overtaken by her passion for Diego.

Together Hayek and Molina are sparky and seductive, and the unorthodox nature of their onscreen romance is compelling. However, Taymor builds Frida's identity around this one relationship, undermining

the woman's unique genius. A veteran of Latin soap opera, it's testament to Hayek's aptitude that she's able to offer texture to the portrait, even as Taymor lathers it up. Painting the screen with psychedelic strokes in echoes of Frida's artistic style, Taymor's composition is nowhere near as bold. She effectively pastes a colourful character into a black-and-white love story.

While Frida is no masterpiece, it's nevertheless worth the price of admission to see Hayek master her craft. Her empathy for the character is intensely heartfelt and, as a result, fascinating to watch. Through Frida, Hayek finally proves she's more than just an oil painting.



Directors: Julie Taymor  
 Cast: Salma Hayek, Mia Maestro, Amelia Zapata, Alejandro Usigli  
 Running Time: 123 minutes  
 Awards: Won 2 Oscars, another 12 wins & 28 nominations  
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N.B.: Remember that it's possible to enjoy a light snack before the film at the newly reopened “Musa Café”. This night will also be a good opportunity to view the fantastic exhibit by Gustave Nouel, Danilo Geerman, Belinda De Veer, Adolf Valbuena, Mo Mohammed, Jean Girigori, Noff El Hadi and other works by local and regional artist exhibited. □



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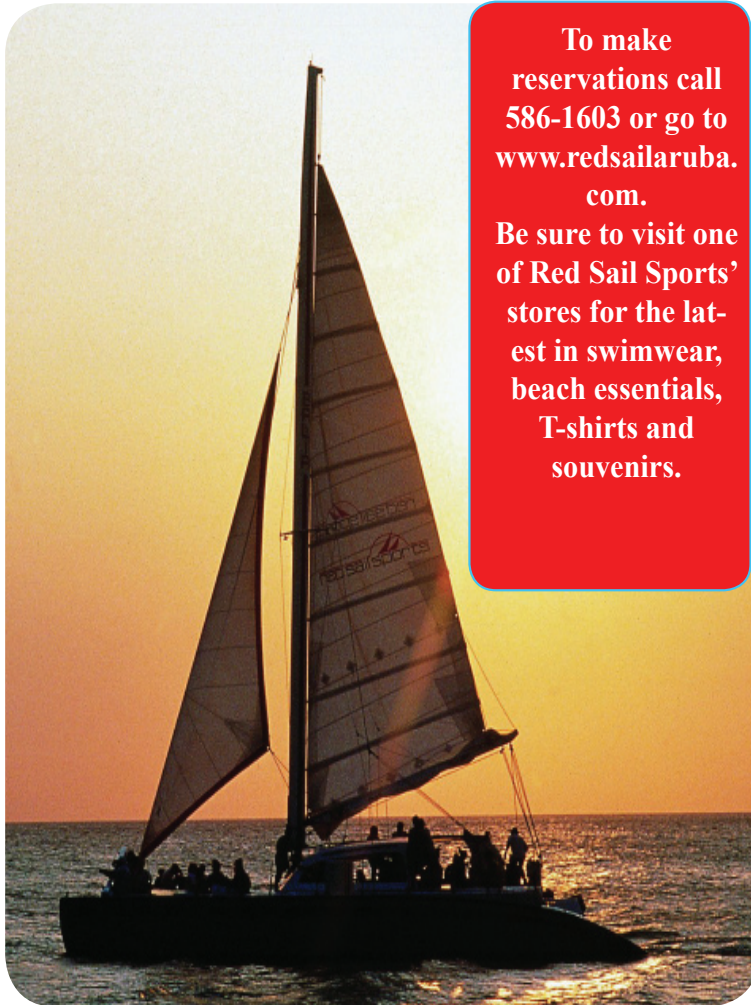


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# Scientists ID First Human With Gorilla Strain of HIV

By Randy Dotinga  
HealthDay Reporter

For the first time, researchers have found evidence that the AIDS virus traveled from gorilla to human, another confirmation that the disease continues to evolve even as scientists race to vanquish it.

French scientists reported Sunday that a woman in the West African country of Cameroon carried a strain of the AIDS virus that is closely related to a similar virus found in gorillas.

It's not yet clear whether this strain of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is common among humans or whether it's especially dangerous.

"Findings like these remind us that primates continue to transmit viruses to humans just as they did before

we knew about AIDS," said Rowena Johnston, vice president of research with the Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) in New York City. "HIV continues to broadside us from directions we do not necessarily expect."

Previously, scientists had believed that HIV mainly made its way to humans via chimpanzees, Johnston said. A kind of monkey known as a sooty mangabey is also thought to have transmitted the disease.

The virus could have been passed through blood as people ate bushmeat -- meat from wild animals -- or prepared it.

But the Cameroonian woman appears to have a strain that originated in a gorilla, according to the

report in the Aug. 2 online issue of Nature Medicine. The 62-year-old woman, diagnosed with HIV in 2004, hasn't developed the symptoms of AIDS even though she's not being treated with medications. She lives in Paris, where she moved from Cameroon.

The study author was not available for comment. Johnston, who is familiar with the findings, said the woman may have been infected via sexual contact with someone who hunted gorillas, or she could have gotten the disease by having contact with gorilla meat. Or it could have been transmitted through several

people before reaching her. It's not clear how long the strain has been in existence, but the research suggests that it has made it through several "rounds" of infection, Johnston said.

"The jury is still out as to whether this is bad news relative to strains of HIV that are already circulating," she said. "We just can't draw those kinds of conclusions from one person."

The woman's case is unusual, however, and that fact may be revealing, said Dr. Philip R. Johnson, an AIDS specialist and chief scientific officer at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

The level of virus in the woman's body is high but she doesn't appear to have symptoms, potentially suggesting that the strain isn't strong, he said.

In the big picture, it's possible that the disease didn't pass directly from gorillas to humans, but instead took another route, Johnson added.

"More cases will need to be found. The key is that [researchers] now have the tools to look [for them]," he said.

It's possible, he said, that scientists missed similar cases in the past because testing technology couldn't detect them. □



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## BUSINESS

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## Weak economic data puts stock market rally on hold

By SARA LEPRO and TIM PARADIS,

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — The closer investors get to the government's July employment report, the more cautious they become.

Stocks slipped Wednesday as investors shied from making big moves ahead of the government's monthly reading on job losses and the unemployment rate, which comes out before the start of trading on Friday. The pullback, which took the Dow Jones industrials down 39 points, followed a 34-point gain Tuesday that was a slowdown from the previous day's triple-digit advance.

The big concern on Wall Street is layoffs, and whether companies trying to preserve their profits during the recession are continuing to slash jobs at a furious pace. Job cuts have to slow for the economy to have a solid recovery.

The caution in Wednesday's trading followed a disappointing report on the service sector during July. The Institute for Supply Management said its service index, a measure of the health of retail, financial services, transportation and health care companies, fell to 46.4 from 47 in June, marking the 10th straight monthly slide. A reading below 50 indicates contraction.

Still, there are plenty of signs of strength on Wall Street, and one is the fact that Wednesday's loss was so modest. Investors have been looking for the stock market to pause after it shot higher since mid-July. The market's occasional retreats have been mild in part because investors who missed the rally are looking to buy

when prices dip.

The ISM report gave investors an excuse to cash in some gains after the furious buying of the past month. The Dow is still up 14 percent in just 18 days.

"The market has just had a pretty good advance and is looking for a reason for a pullback," said Henry Herrmann, CEO of investment management firm Waddell & Reed.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow fell 39.22, or 0.4 percent, to 9,280.97. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 2.93, or 0.3 percent, to 1,002.72, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 18.26, or 0.9 percent, to 1,993.05.

Treasury prices fell after the government said it would auction \$75 billion in notes next week. Some investors are worried that the government will have to entice buyers by offering greater returns. That would drive up interest rates and could make it harder for the economy to recover.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 3.76 percent from 3.69 percent late Tuesday.

Analysts said the drop in stocks was welcome because building on gains in a step-like fashion is more sustainable than a surge without breaks.

"It would only be natural to hesitate here as it tries to make up its mind as to what the next move will be," said Michael Sheldon, chief market strategist at RDM Financial.

The jobs report is a critical point for the market and could reshape ideas about the direction of the economy.

"The question is, even if it is a little bit strong, will it be enough to support an

additional near-term advance in the markets given the run the equities have had over the past several sessions?" Sheldon asked.

Economists expect the report will show the jobless rate rose to 9.6 percent as employers cut 320,000 jobs last month, better than the 467,000 lost in June.

A private-sector report on unemployment Wednesday offered little encouragement ahead of the government data. The ADP National Employment Report, a closely watched precursor to the Labor Department's report, said employment fell by 371,000 in July — slightly more than



The Nasdaq MarketSite is shown Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009 in New York. Wall Street's summer rally is on hold as reminders of the economy's weakness give investors reason to take some profits.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

anticipated — following a revised loss of 463,000 jobs in June.

There have been signs of improvement in manufacturing and housing but investors are still worried that rising unemployment will restrain consumer spending, which accounts for more than two-

thirds of U.S. economic activity. In better economic news, the Commerce Department said factory orders rose in June for the fourth time in five months. The 0.4 percent increase came after a 1.1 percent increase in May. Economists had been expecting a drop of 1 percent.

## SEC says brokers violated 'naked' short sale rule

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER, AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The Securities and Exchange Commission for the first time has enforced new rules intended to limit a practice known as "naked" short-selling.

The SEC said Wednesday that two traders and their firms have agreed to settle charges that they violated the rules without admitting or denying guilt.

The rules were put in place last year at the height of the financial crisis, and the SEC made them permanent last month.

The agency says New York-based Stephen Hazan and Hazan Capital Management LLC have agreed to pay \$3 million to settle the charges, while Chicago-based TJM Proprietary Trading LLC agreed to a penalty of \$541,000.

The two firms were charged with circumventing a rule that requires brokers to promptly produce shares in "naked" short-selling transactions.

"Naked" short sales involve bets against a company's share price by investors who don't own the shares at the time of the sale. Such sales can be used to drive down the share price of a company's stock.

The SEC also charged Michael Benson, a TJM trader, for violating the rule, and the firm's chief operating officer, John Burke, for failing to supervise Benson.

The agency suspended Benson from associating with any broker for three months, while Burke has been suspended from acting as a supervisor at any brokerage for nine months.

Hazan and his firm, as well as TJM and its two employees, also reached separate settlements with the New York Stock Exchange and several other private institutions. Hazan was fined \$1 million by the NYSE.

Michael Bachner, a lawyer for Hazan, said his client decided to settle the charges because "the cost of defending these actions would have been similar" to the amount of the fines and penalties paid.

A lawyer for TJM declined to comment. Short-sellers borrow a company's shares, sell them, and then buy them back when the stock falls and return them to the lender — pocketing the difference in price.

"Naked" short-selling occurs when sellers don't borrow the shares before selling them, and then look to cover positions sometime after the sale.



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# Miss. festival pays tribute to Sam Cooke



**FILE** - Soul singer-songwriter Sam Cooke is seen in a 1964 file photo. A Mississippi music festival this weekend is dedicated to the 1950s and '60s singer. The Sunflower River Blues and Gospel Festival begins Friday, Aug. 7, 2009 in Clarksdale, a sleepy town in the Delta region. Cooke's brother, L.C. Cooke, says the late singer should also be known for his pioneering business acumen that put him years ahead of his time in the music industry.

(AP Photo, File)

By **SHELIA BYRD**,  
Associated Press Writer

JACKSON, Miss. — More than 40 years after his tragic, violent death, Sam Cooke is still known as the legendary soul and gospel singer who penned “A Change is Gonna Come,” which found a new audience with the election of America’s first black president.

But Cooke’s brother, L.C. Cooke, says the late singer should also be known for his pioneering business acumen

that put him years ahead of his time in the music industry.

Cooke was among the first black performers to own the rights to his music and to form his own recording and publishing company. That’s what L.C. Cooke will remind fans about when he attends a Mississippi music festival this weekend dedicated to the 1950s and ‘60s singer.

“If they look at it, Sam was first in everything,” L.C. Cooke said in a telephone interview

from his home in Chicago. “All his masters belong to Sam, and that was unheard of. He was Motown before Motown was even invented.” The Sunflower River Blues and Gospel Festival begins



**First Lady Michelle Obama smiles as she greets sailors at the Norfolk Naval Station in Norfolk, Va., Friday, July 31, 2009. Mrs Obama was in town to address the sailors returning from the USS Eisenhower and US Comfort battle group.**

(AP Photo/Steve Helber)

## President and first lady make best dressed list

NEW YORK — Barack and Michelle Obama are edging out Hollywood stars on Vanity Fair’s International Best-Dressed List.

The president makes the list for the first time in issues out Wednesday, joining his wife, who has been named twice before.

No longer on the list is Angelina Jolie, although her husband Brad Pitt remains, based on a poll of fashion insiders. Other stars getting the honor are Penelope Cruz, Anne Hathaway, NBC correspondent Tiki Barber and James Bond star Daniel Craig.

The Obamas weren’t the only stylish political dressers named. French first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy made the list along with New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and his companion, Diana Taylor □

Friday in Clarksdale, a sleepy town in the impoverished Delta region — the musical breeding ground that produced the likes of B.B. King, Howlin’ Wolf and Muddy Waters.

During the weekend-long Cooke tribute, a blues marker in his honor will be unveiled Friday at the New Roxy Theater. At Ground Zero, a blues club owned by actor and Mississippi native Morgan Freeman, an educational forum on Cooke’s life will be held Saturday.

Many local performers at the festival will sing at least one of Cooke’s hits, whether from his early gospel career with the Soul Stirrers or from his repertoire of pop music. Soul singer Bettye LaVette will headline Saturday night’s show. O.B. Buchana takes the stage on Friday.

President Barack Obama’s rhetorical nod to “A Change is Gonna Come” after his 2008 election victory was a testament to Cooke’s enduring significance, said Anthony DeCurtis, a contributing editor at Rolling Stone magazine.

“The language of the artistry coupled with a kind of vision of a better world is something the song stands for,” DeCurtis said. “Certainly his influence extends to contemporary artists. It would be hard to think of people like Alicia Keys and John Legend without Sam Cooke.”

Born Jan. 22, 1931, Cooke was son of a Baptist minister. His mother was a native of Mound Bayou, Miss., a town founded by two former slaves. Sam Cooke was 2 years old when his parents and six siblings boarded a Greyhound bus to Chicago.

Cooke began his writing and recording career with the “Soul Stirrers” in 1951, making albums at Specialty Records. Tall and handsome with a smooth, melodious voice, Cooke drew crowds of swooning young women at gigs in auditoriums and larger venues that included the Apollo Theater.

After six years, he made the leap to secular music with a sound that melded blues and gospel. He co-founded his own

record label, SAR Records, in 1961, signing such artists as Bobby Womack, Johnnie Taylor and Billy Preston.

L.C. Cooke said his brother had formed his publishing company around 1959. Sam Cooke’s contract with RCA Victor stipulated that after 30 years all of his masters would belong to him, his brother said. Contemporary artists would do well to follow Cooke’s path, said DeCurtis.

“To this day, artists struggle with the business aspect of their work. He signed artists and he wrote for artists. He did it in a time when it was much more difficult for artists, specifically black artists,” DeCurtis said.

Unfortunately, Cooke didn’t live long enough to realize the significance of his breakthrough, said DeCurtis.

At age 33, Cooke was shot to death on Dec. 11, 1964, at the Hacienda Motel in Los Angeles. Details of the shooting are still disputed, but the hotel’s manager told police she killed Cooke because he threatened her.


An abbreviated life and the circumstances surrounding his death have not diminished his legacy. Last year, “Rolling Stone” ranked Cooke No. 4 on its list of the 100 greatest singers of all time, and he’s in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

L.C. Cooke recalled being stopped at an airport a few years ago by a disc jockey, who told him his brother’s music gets more airplay than any other deceased celebrity.

“Somebody is always giving something in his honor, and they call me to give interviews,” L.C. Cooke said.

Festival organizers Melville Tillis and John Sherman said it made sense to dedicate this weekend to Cooke. They said the annual festival usually draws about 25,000, but a larger crowd is anticipated this year because of the Sam Cooke tribute. Sherman said several Cooke fan club bus tours plan to attend.

“We’re just trying to honor a Clarksdale native,” Sherman said. “That’s the bottom line.” □




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# Michael Jackson film deal outlined in court papers

By Alex Dobuzinskis

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) — Columbia Pictures and concert promoter AEG Live have struck a deal to make a Michael Jackson movie using video of his "This Is It" concert rehearsals taken days before the King of Pop died in June, according to court documents.

A Los Angeles Superior Court judge must first approve the deal at a hearing on August 10. AEG Live spearheaded the deal between Columbia, a division of Sony Corp's Sony Pictures Entertainment, and executors of Jackson's will.

Details of the movie agreement, and the \$60 million in revenue that Columbia has agreed to pay for the film rights, were released in court papers filed late on Tuesday.

Jackson's estate and AEG Live, which is controlled

by Denver billionaire Philip Anschutz, will share in profits from the film with the estate getting 90 percent and AEG Live getting 10 percent, court documents showed.

Spokesmen for both Columbia and AEG Live declined comment.

Media reports have circulated since last month of a possible movie deal using the more than 100 hours of rehearsal footage AEG Live shot as the "Thriller" singer prepared for a series of 50 shows in London. Those concerts were widely billed as Jackson's "comeback" after his career flagged in the 1990s and 2000s, but he died suddenly of cardiac arrest in Los Angeles on June 25, only days before the shows were to begin.

Also tied to the movie deal is a merchandising agreement with Bravado International

Group, a division of Universal Music Group that is owned by Vivendi SA and will see to the sale of Jackson-themed products.

That agreement needs to be approved by L.A. Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff, who is overseeing the probate process on Jackson's will.

## MILLIONS IN REVENUE

Howard Weitzman, an attorney representing the executors of Jackson's will, lawyer John Branca and music industry executive John McClain, said this week the deals could generate "millions of dollars of revenue to Michael Jackson's estate."

According to his will, Jackson's estate will be put into a family trust benefiting his mother, Katherine, his three children and charities.

Randy Phillips, the chief executive of AEG Live, said



Michael Jackson waves to the crowd, numbering a few thousand, gathered in front of the Sydney Opera House in this November 17, 1996 file photo.

REUTERS/Megan Lewis/Files

last month that a movie release of the rehearsal footage could help the Jackson estate erase its debt. The 50-year-old "Thriller" singer was said to be \$500 million in debt when he died.

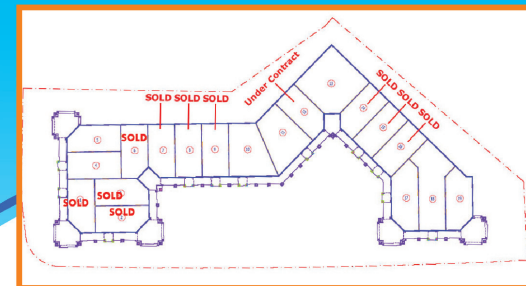
Separately, the celebrity news program Entertainment Tonight reported on Wednesday that Jackson's family had signed papers clearing the way for him to be buried at Forest Lawn cemetery in Los Angeles.

Plans for Jackson's burial have remained largely a mystery. A public memorial was held in Los Angeles, but Jackson's body has still not been buried pending results of toxicology tests as part of a police probe into the full cause of his death.

Police and U.S. drug agents investigating his death are probing the possible role of doctors who prescribed powerful medication to the singer. □

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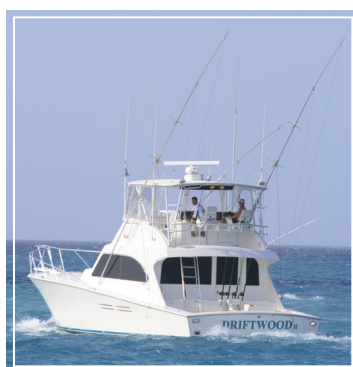
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Laura Ling, second left, and Euna Lee, right, two American journalists who were arrested in March after allegedly crossing into North Korea from China, are joined by former President Bill Clinton, and former Vice President Al Gore at Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, Calif., Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009. Lee and Ling, the two American journalists freed by North Korea, returned home to the United States on Wednesday for a jubilant, emotional reunion with family members and friends they hadn't seen since their arrests nearly five months ago.

*Associated Press*

## Freed journalists home after N. Korea pardon

ROBERT JABLON  
Associated Press Writer

BURBANK, California (AP) — Two American journalists jubilantly reunited with family and friends early Wednesday upon returning to the United States with former President Bill Clinton, whose diplomatic trip to North Korea secured their release nearly five months after their arrests.

The jet carrying Euna Lee and Laura Ling, reporters for Al Gore's San Francisco-based Current TV, and Clinton arrived at Burbank's Bob Hope Airport at dawn. Clinton met with communist leader Kim Jong Il on Tuesday to secure the women's release.

The journalists were arrested near the North Korean-Chinese border in March while on a reporting trip.

Lee emerged from the jetliner first and was greeted by husband Michael Saldate and 4-year-old daughter Hana. She hugged the girl and picked her up before all three embraced in a crushing hug as TV networks beamed the poignant moment live.

Ling embraced her husband, Iain Clayton, as teary family members crowded around.

"The past 140 days have been the most difficult, heart-wrenching days of our lives," Ling said, her voice cracking.

Thirty hours ago, Ling said, "We feared that any moment we could be sent to a hard labor camp."

Then, she said, they were taken to another location.

"When we walked through the doors, we saw standing before us President Bill Clinton," she said to applause.

"We were shocked but we knew instantly in our hearts that the nightmare of our lives was finally coming to an end, and now we stand here, home and free."

Clinton came down the stairs to applause. He hugged Gore, then chatted with family members.

Gore described the families of the two women as "unbelievable, passionate, involved, committed, innovative."

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## Man who attacked gym had no ties to victims



Police officers investigate a shooting at the L.A. Fitness health club where a gunman opened fire in the aerobics room Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009 in Bridgeville, Pa.

*Associated Press*

GENARO C. ARMAS

Associated Press Writer

BRIDGEVILLE, Pennsylvania (AP) — A man who sprayed bullets into a fitness class filled with women he didn't know, killing three and then himself, kept a Web page in which he wrote about years of rejection by women and left behind notes describing his inability to get a girlfriend, police said Wednesday.

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Deputy chief of staff of Russia's armed forces Gen. Anatoly Nogovitsyn shows a military map as he speaks to the media in Moscow, Russia, Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009. Nogovitsyn says two nuclear-powered Russian attack submarines that have been spotted off the U.S. East Coast are part of regular patrols.

*Associated Press*

## Russia confirms submarine patrols near U.S. East Coast

VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — A senior Russian military official said Wednesday that Russian nuclear-powered attack submarines spotted off the U.S. East Coast were on a legitimate training mission.

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In Nov. 11, 2008 file photo, Federal Housing Finance Agency Director James B. Lockhart III, attends a news conference in Washington. Lockhart, head of the federal agency that regulates mortgage finance companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, is stepping down. He could not immediately be reached for comment Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009.

**ALAN ZIBEL,**  
AP Real Estate Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the federal agency that regulates mortgage finance companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is planning to step down by the end of the month. A replacement hasn't been named for James Lockhart, director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, according to

*Associated Press*  
government officials who spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday because the announcement was not yet formal. Lockhart is a childhood friend and Yale fraternity brother of former President George W. Bush. He has been the director of FHFA and its predecessor, the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, for about three

# Federal Housing Finance Agency chief to step down

years. Lockhart, a 63-year-old Republican, could not immediately be reached for comment Wednesday afternoon. He stayed at the agency under President Barack Obama, a Democrat, as Washington-based Fannie Mae and sibling company Freddie Mac went through months of turmoil after being seized by the government last fall. His pending departure comes amid uncertainty about the Obama administration's plans for the two companies. Both have been slammed by mounting loan defaults and foreclosures. The administration is expected to unveil its plans for Fannie and Freddie next year. Lockhart urged tighter government restrictions on the two companies, which operated with a far smaller financial cushion than other institutions. But by the time Congress acted last summer, it was too late. Fearing the companies would soon go under, the government seized control of them in September. Since

then, McLean, Virginia-based Freddie has tapped nearly \$51 billion in government aid to cope with mounting loan defaults, while Fannie has taken about \$34 billion. The two companies play a vital role in the mortgage market by purchasing loans from lenders and selling them to investors, or holding them on their own books. Together, the companies own or guarantee almost 31 million home loans worth about \$5.4 trillion. That's about half of all U.S. home mortgages. With foreclosures continuing to surge, Fannie and Freddie's goals have shifted over the past year. They are now playing a key role in the administration's effort to modify or refinance up to 9 million home loans. Lockhart presented some options for how Fannie and Freddie should operate, but has not given a specific recommendation. "The new structures must be designed to reduce risks, rather than magnifying them, as they did in the past," he said in a speech last week. □



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## NKOREA PARDON

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“Hana’s been a great girl while you were gone,” he told Lee. “And Laura, your mom’s been making your special soup for two days now.”

He also thanked the State Department for its help in the release.

“It speaks well of our country that when two American citizens are in harm’s way, that so many people will just put things aside and just go to work to make sure that this has had a happy ending,” he said. After 140 days in custody, the reporters were granted a pardon by North Korea on Tuesday, following rare talks between Clinton and the reclusive North Korea leader. They had been sentenced to 12 years of hard labor for entering the country illegally.

Ling, a 32-year-old California native, is the younger sister of Lisa Ling, a correspondent for CNN as well as “The Oprah Winfrey Show” and “National Geographic Explorer.” Lee, 36, is a South Korean-born U.S. citizen.

The women were kept in enforced isolation and fed poor-quality food, Ling’s

sister said.

“They were kept apart most of the time. ... On the day of their trial, they hugged each other and that was it,” Lisa Ling told reporters outside her sister’s home in the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles.

“She’s really, really anxious to have fresh fruit and fresh food. She said there were rocks in her rice. Obviously, it’s a country that has a lot of economic problems.

“The little bit that she was able to recount of her experience of the last 4 1/2 months has been challenging for us to hear,” Lisa Ling said. “She’s my little sister but she’s a very, very strong girl and a determined person.”

Ling’s husband told reporters that his wife had spent more time in North Korea than in their North Hollywood home, which they bought in November shortly before she went overseas.

“It was very lonely,” Clayton said. “One of the hardest things was obviously coming home every night, and there were reminders of her in the house.”

The women, dressed in short-sleeved shirts and jeans,

appeared healthy as they prepared to leave North Korea. They shook hands with Clinton before getting into the jet, exclusive APTN footage from Pyongyang showed. Clinton waved, put his hand over his heart and then saluted.

North Korean state TV showed Clinton’s departure, and North Korean officials waving to the plane, but did not show images of the two journalists.

Speaking on the White House lawn just before leaving on a trip to Indiana, President Barack Obama said the administration is “extraordinarily relieved” that the pair has been set free. He said he had spoken to their families once the two were safely aboard a plane out of Pyongyang.

“The reunion we’ve all seen on television, I think, is a source of happiness not only for the families but also for the entire country,” Obama said.

Ling was later seen entering her mother’s home in the Los Angeles suburb of Toluca Lake, while Lee was spotted going into her home in Los Angeles.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Clinton will fill in Obama’s national

## Soldier who refused deployment to Afghanistan gets month in jail

ANGELA K. BROWN

Associated Press Writer

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — An American soldier who refused to deploy to Afghanistan over his beliefs that the war violates international law was sentenced Wednesday to a month in jail.

Spc. Victor Agosto, 24, pleaded guilty to disobeying a lawful order to report to a site that performs medical, legal and other services for troops before they deploy. The judge also reduced his rank to the Army’s lowest level, a private, which also was part of the maximum penalty he faced in his plea agreement with the military.

Agosto said that when he enlisted in 2005, he felt invading Iraq was wrong but that troops had a mission to complete. He said he began

to oppose the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan after he served a 13-month tour in Iraq, which ended in late 2007.

“The Army is a values-based organization which embraces the values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage; for a soldier to violate military law by refusing to obey orders is a serious matter,” Fort Hood officials said in a statement released late Wednesday.

After the sentence was announced, Agosto immediately ripped the rank patch from his uniform. He later was escorted out of the building and taken to the county jail, where he will start serving his sentence.

Also, Agosto cannot be discharged at a level lower than other-than-honorable conditions, an administrative discharge. A discharge was



In this July 2007 file photograph taken in Orlando, Fla., provided by Victor Agosto, U.S. Army Spc. Victor Agosto is shown while on leave from a 13-month tour in Iraq.

Associated Press not mentioned in the hearing, but Agosto is expected to be released from the Army after completing his jail term.

Before he was sentenced during the hourlong military hearing at the central Texas Army post, he told the judge he should not be jailed because he posed no threat to anyone.



Former President Bill Clinton hugs former Vice President Al Gore as Clinton arrives with Laura Ling and Euna Lee at Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, Calif., Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009. The two American journalists freed by North Korea returned home to the United States on Wednesday for a jubilant, emotional reunion with family members and friends they hadn’t seen since their arrests nearly five months ago.

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security team on what transpired during his trip as a private envoy to Pyongyang. He reiterated that Clinton did not carry a message from Obama to Kim.

“If there wasn’t a message, there certainly couldn’t have been an apology,” Gibbs said. When asked whether the release of the journalists could lead to a breakthrough on other issues such as North Korea’s nuclear program, Gibbs said that will depend on the actions of the communist regime.

“The people that walked away from the obligations they agreed to were not anybody involved on our side,” Gibbs said. “It was the North Koreans.”

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton hailed the journalists’ release.

“I spoke to my husband on the airplane and everything

went well,” she told reporters in Nairobi, Kenya. “They are extremely excited to be reunited soon when they touch down in California. It was just a good day to be able to see this happen.”

The release also amounted to a successful diplomatic foray for the former president, who traveled as an unofficial envoy, with approval and coordination from the administration. He was uniquely positioned for it as the only recent president who had considered visiting North Korea while in office, and one who had sent his secretary of state, Madeleine Albright.

His landmark visit to Pyongyang to free the Americans was a coup that came at a time of heightened tensions over North Korea’s nuclear program. □



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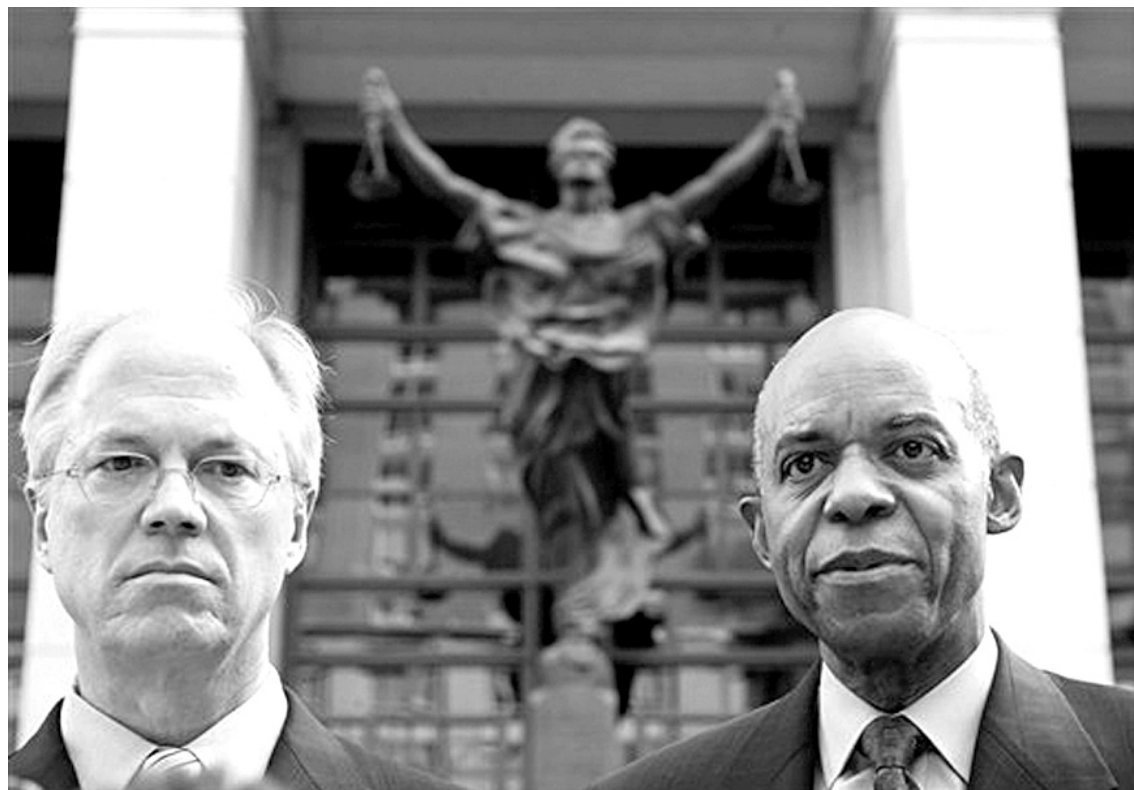
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# Former La. congressman convicted in freezer cash case



Former Louisiana Congressman William Jefferson, with his attorney Robert Trout, left, talk to the media outside the Albert V. Bryan Courthouse after being convicted on 11 of 16 counts, Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009, in Alexandria, Va.

**BY MATTHEW BARAKAT**  
Associated Press Writer  
ALEXANDRIA, Virginia (AP)—A former congressman was convicted Wednesday of taking bribes in a case in which agents found \$90,000 in his freezer.  
Former Rep. William

Jefferson, a Democrat who had represented parts of New Orleans, was accused of accepting more than \$400,000 in bribes and seeking millions more in exchange for brokering business deals in Africa. A federal jury convicted him on 11 of 16 counts, including

bribery, racketeering and money laundering. Jefferson was stoic as the verdict was read and had little to say afterward, deferring most questions to his lawyer. Asked how he was doing, he said, "I'm holding up."  
Defense lawyer Robert

Trout said he will appeal the convictions.

"We certainly believe we have strong issue for a legal appeal," Trout said outside the courthouse.

Jefferson was acquitted of counts that included obstruction of justice and violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. He was the first official to be charged with violating that act, which makes it illegal to bribe foreign government officials. The defense argued that Jefferson was acting as a private business consultant in brokering the deals and that his actions did not constitute bribery under federal law.

It took jurors five days to reach a decision after an eight-week trial that was mostly government testimony. The defense wrapped up its case in a matter of hours.

Prosecutor Mark Lytle said Jefferson could face more than 20 years in prison under federal sentencing guidelines. He wanted the 62-year-old former congressman detained immediately after the verdict, saying his ties to Africa made him a risk to flee what

could amount to a life prison sentence.

However, Judge T.S. Ellis III allowed Jefferson to remain free on bond because of his local ties.

U.S. Attorney Dana Boente said after the verdict that "no person, not even a congressman, is above the law. Ninety thousand dollars in a freezer is not a gray area. It's a violation."

Jefferson has been under investigation since March 2005. In August that year, FBI agents searched his Washington home and found \$90,000 cash in his freezer, wrapped in foil and hidden in boxes of frozen pie crust.

Prosecutors accused Jefferson of hiding bribes by funneling money disguised as consulting fees through sham companies controlled by his wife and brother.

In one recording played by defense attorneys, Jefferson explained that he did not want his name on any of the deals to avoid an appearance of impropriety.

Legally, much of the case turned on whether Jefferson's deal-brokering constituted an "official act" under federal bribery laws.

Jefferson has disputed a claim by prosecutors that the freezer cash was bribe money.

Jefferson is scheduled for sentencing on Oct. 30. The jurors must return to the courthouse Thursday to consider whether Jefferson has to forfeit more than \$450,000 in alleged bribe receipts. □

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## ATTACKED GYM

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George Sodini, who worked in a law firm's finance department, was anti-social, according to neighbors, and his Web page showcased a resume setting forth his credentials as an unhappy loner. It listed his date of death — Aug. 4, 2009 — and his status of "Never married."

On the Web site, the 48-year-old Sodini complained of not having a girlfriend since 1984, not having a date since May 2008 and not having sex for 19 years.

"Women just don't like me. There are 30 million desirable women in the US (my estimate) and I cannot find one," he wrote. The page ended with the words "Death Lives!"

On Tuesday, Sodini scoped out the gym twice and then returned at night wearing workout gear and a headband and bringing with him four guns, police said. He entered a "Latin impact" dance aerobics class, placed a duffel bag on the ground, rooted around in the bag for a moment, turned off the lights and started shooting, police and witnesses said.

Three women were killed and nine women were wounded before he turned the gun on himself and committed suicide. In all, he fired 36 rounds from three of the guns.

Authorities on Wednesday identified the three women who died as Heidi Overmier, 46, Elizabeth Gannon, 49, and Jody Billingsley, 38.

Sodini's 4,610-word Web page, on a domain registered in Sodini's name, appeared to be a nine-month chronology of his plans for the shooting, his decision to delay it and the process that led to the eventual carnage at his health club Tuesday.

"The biggest problem of all is not having relationships or friends, but not being able to achieve and acquire what I desire in those or many other

areas," said an entry dated Sunday. "Everything stays the same regardless of the effort I put in. If I had control over my life then I would be happier. But for about the past 30 years, I have not."

Sodini wrote of planning the attack since at least November and had tried to do it when the same Tuesday-night dance aerobics class he targeted met on Jan. 6.

"It is 8:45PM: I chickened out!" he wrote. "I brought the loaded guns, everything. Hell!"

It was unclear when the Web page was posted and whether it had been updated repeatedly since November or posted in its entirety recently. Allegheny County police Superintendent Charles Moffatt said Wednesday that investigators would try to determine if anyone had read the Web site early enough to stop the attack.

Moffatt said authorities found handwritten and typed notes at the scene and in Sodini's house. He said the sentiments echoed those on the Web site. A neighbor of Sodini's, Connie Fontanesi, said she was interviewed by county detectives Tuesday evening.

"He was so anti-social we really didn't learn anything personal about him," she said. Mike Rick, a spokesman for the Pittsburgh law firm of K&L Gates, said the alleged shooter worked as a systems analyst in the firm's accounting and finance department since 1999. The firm was "deeply saddened by last night's events" and offered condolences to the friends and families of the victims, Rick said in a statement Wednesday.

The violence rocked the suburban Pittsburgh town of about 5,300 residents.

Jordan Solomon, 14, was in the all-female class and told The Associated Press on Wednesday that it started normally, but she thought it

weird when a man walked into the class about 15 minutes later. Solomon said the man put a black duffel bag on the ground.

"He had a sweatband on his head. He was shuffling around in (the bag)," Solomon said. "All of a sudden all the lights went out and I turned around, he started firing. I turned around and I saw him holding a gun."

The man was expressionless, she said, and she didn't hear him say anything.

Solomon said she immediately started to run out of the room and into the parking lot, where she ran into a nearby restaurant and told workers there to call police.

Five of the wounded victims arrived in critical condition at UPMC Mercy Hospital, but three of them were upgraded to serious condition by early Wednesday. Two women

remained in fair condition at another Pittsburgh hospital. One victim was treated and released for a shoulder wound and a woman with a bullet wound to the knee remained in stable condition Wednesday.

Loretta Moss, 44, of McDonald, said she was exercising on a treadmill when she heard a popping noise.

"I didn't pay any attention, and the next minute, people were screaming," said Moss, who had come to the gym Tuesday night for the first time in a couple of weeks. She said she then heard more pops.


"There was like a whole spray of them. I'd say about 15 altogether, and then people started screaming and yelling and started running out the building," she said.

"We laid down, and then after the last set of ... gunshots, we got up, and someone said, 'run.'" □




In this undated photo made available Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009 on George Sodini's blog, <http://georgesodini.com/20090804.htm>, George Sodini is shown. A person close to the Allegheny County coroner's office says the gunman in the fitness center shootings was George Sodini who lived in Carnegie, Pa., just a few miles from the health club. In a Web site posted under his name, Sodini wrote rambling messages about his hatred of women and how he was tired of being rejected by them. He ended by writing, "Death Lives!"

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File picture shows a new Russian nuclear submarine, the Yuri Dolgoruky, off northern city of Arkhangelsk in July. Two Russian nuclear-powered submarines have been patrolling off the US East Coast in recent days, the first such move in several years and one that has US officials concerned, the New York Times said Wednesday.

(AFP/Pool/File/Alexander Zemlianichenko)

## RUSSIA SUBMARINE Continued from Page B1

U.S. defense officials said Tuesday that two Russian submarines had been patrolling in international waters for several days. While the activity was reminiscent of the Cold War,

the U.S. officials said the submarines had done nothing to provoke concern. Gen. Anatoly Nogovitsyn, a deputy chief of the General Staff of the Russian military, said the patrols were part of efforts to give more training to the military forces.

“The Navy mustn’t rest dockside,” Nogovitsyn said at a news conference. The submarine patrols coincided with angry words from Moscow about U.S. military assistance to Georgia a year after the Russian-Georgian war. The August war drove U.S.-Russian relations to a post-Cold War low. President Barack Obama has sought to overcome the strain and improve ties. But U.S. officials said that they have not ruled out providing defensive weapon systems for Georgia despite warnings by Russia. The U.S. is discussing a Georgian request for \$16 million in military aid this year, with most of the money intended for training and technical assistance. Grigory Karasin, a deputy Russian Foreign Minister, said Wednesday that Moscow was seriously concerned by the U.S. military assistance to Georgia.

“That worries us and forces us to take relevant steps,” he said without elaboration. Nogovitsyn said that U.S. submarines had also engaged in missions off Russia’s coast, but wouldn’t provide any details. “It’s a normal thing,” Nogovitsyn said about submarine patrols. During the Cold War times, U.S. and Soviet submarines routinely played cat-and-mouse near each other’s shores, surveying the adversary’s movements. Nogovitsyn compared the Russian submarine deployment off the U.S. coast to regular patrol flights by Russian strategic bombers, saying both were necessary to improve crews skills. The 1991 Soviet collapse forced the military to drastically cut training due to severe money crunch. But cash from the oil bonanza during Vladimir Putin’s eight-year presidential

tenure allowed the military to boost military spending and conduct more maneuvers. Putin, now prime minister, has sought to showcase the Kremlin’s global reach and reassert its claim to great-power status amid strained ties with the West. In 2007, he ordered the resumption of border patrols. Putin’s successor, President Dmitry Medvedev, also pledged to deploy Russian forces on regular maneuvers worldwide. Last fall, a Russian Navy squadron sailed for Venezuela and held joint maneuvers with the Venezuelan navy in the first Russian deployment to the Western Hemisphere since the Cold War. Russia recently also has deployed its navy ships to the Mediterranean and dispatched some to pirate-infested waters off Somalia, reflecting its determination to project power worldwide. □



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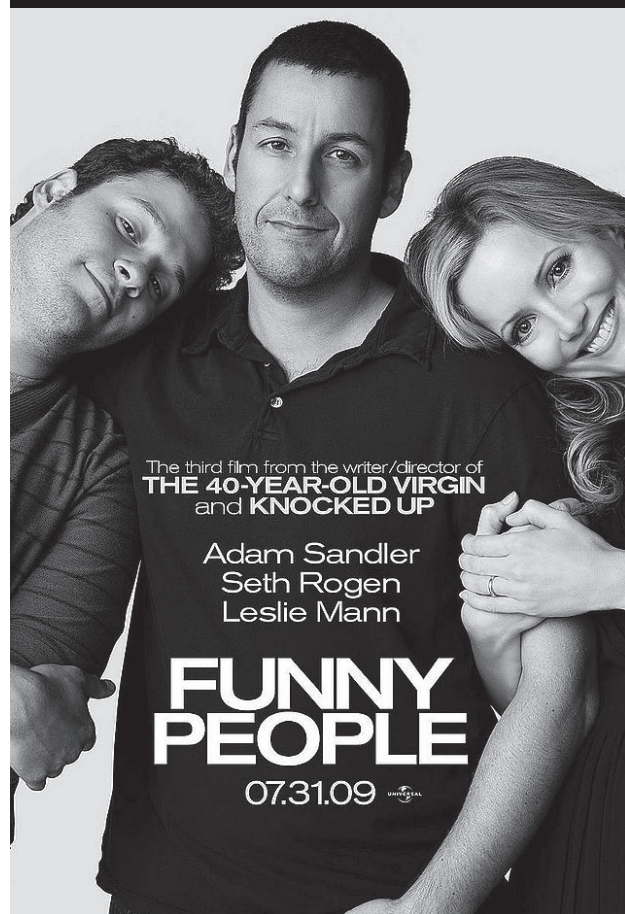
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# UN envoys says no pressure for Cyprus deal

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Associated Press Writer  
NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Rival leaders in Cyprus have made “significant” progress in talks to reunite the island but pressure to reach a deal quickly could unravel what yearlong talks have achieved, a United Nations envoy said Wednesday. “We haven’t set a timeline,” Alexander Downer, the top U.N. official on the war-divided island, said in an interview with the AP. “If you become a slave to a date, you may find that you don’t have a high quality agreement and then you’ll just have to start all over again sometime in the future.”

The island’s Greek Cypriot president, Dimitris Christofias, and breakaway Turkish Cypriot leader, Mehmet Ali Talat, began talks last fall and have since held nearly 40 meetings at the disused airport inside the 112 mile U.N.-controlled buffer zone.

The protracted negotiations have cooled initial hopes of a quick breakthrough on the island, divided since

1974 when Turkey invaded in response to a short-lived coup by supporters of union with Greece.

An opinion poll last week showed almost three quarters of Greek Cypriots believe the talks will ultimately fail.

Downer said the two leaders should not worry about the “ebbs and flows of opinion every day” and keep talking.

“They don’t need to convince the public every day of the week,” he said. “You want it all put together in a week at the end of 40 or 50 years? ... People who think that don’t know the Cyprus problem.”

Downer cautioned that despite “significant” progress, tough negotiations still lie ahead on more complex issues including arrangements on property lost during the invasion and disputed intervention rights ceded to Greece, Turkey and Britain under the former British colony’s 1960 constitution.

Turkey has vowed not to relinquish those rights, while Greek Cypriots insist



Relatives of a Cypriot soldier who was killed in the 1974 Turkish invasion of Cyprus stand at his grave at the Tymvos Macedonitissas military cemetery in the divided capital of Nicosia, Cyprus, Monday, July 20, 2009. Greek and Cypriot soldiers were killed in 1974, 35 years ago, during the Turkish invasion and subsequent occupation of the northern part of the island of Cyprus. July 20, is the 35th anniversary of Turkish invasion.

that they should not be part of any deal to create a new Cypriot federation. Cyprus’ leaders have agreed to put any peace deal to a simultaneous referendum in both communities. “Nothing will be agreed until everything is agreed and everything has to be

agreed,” Downer said. He avoided saying how the U.N. could help the two leaders bridge remaining gaps, but he insisted the world body has no fixed positions on negotiation chapters. The international community, he said, still has “very high expectations”

that peace talks can succeed and end the division that has undermined security in the east Mediterranean. Downersaid U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon could travel to Cyprus sometime after September’s U.N. General Assembly meeting to give the talks a boost. □

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# Firefighters battling wildfires in western Canada

**JEREMY HAINSWORTH,**  
Associated Press Writer  
**VANCOUVER,** British Columbia (AP) — Firefighters saved a western Canada town from a raging wildfire as they continued Wednesday to battle blazes that have forced more than 5,000 people to flee their homes in the region. Firefighters stopped a fire only a few hundred yards from Lillooet, 160 miles northeast of Vancouver, by using a controlled burn to contain the flames. About 2,300 people in Lillooet

were forced to evacuate from the Mount McLean fire, which has burned 8,150 acres since July 22. Firefighters were still working to put out some hotspots in the main fire, and two other fronts of the fire continued to burn heavily, said Gary Horley, fire information officer for the British Columbia Forest Service. "The battle continues. This is still an uncontrolled wildfire," he said. About 3,000 local firefighters fighting the



Helicopter pilots watch as a controlled fire burns on Mount McLean in an attempt to reduce the amount of fuel for a wildfire burning on the mountain in Lillooet, British Columbia., on Tuesday Aug. 4, 2009. In the town of Lillooet, 2,500 people were forced from their homes as a fire raged less than a mile away. Another 120 in nearby Brooksmere were also evacuated.

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blazes have been joined by 850 more from across Canada. A crew of 30 from Australia was expected to arrive soon. Rain was in the forecast for the worst fire-afflicted areas Wednesday.

Lightning-sparked fires have caused the evacuation of several communities, mostly in the province's mountainous interior. Prime Minister Stephen Harper expects the province of British Columbia to apply

for national disaster relief. Three weeks ago, fires forced the evacuation of 11,000 from the town of West Kelowna. Fighting this year's fires have now cost twice the province's annual firefighting budget.

## Officials: 27 missing after ferry sinks off Tonga

**WELLINGTON,** New Zealand (AP) — Rescue officials searched the South Pacific's waters for 27 people missing after a ferry sank during the night off the coast of Tonga, New Zealand rescue coordinators said Thursday.

The ferry sank fast "but we don't know why," said New Zealand Rescue Coordination Center spokesman Neville Blackmore in a statement.

New Zealand is responsible for search and rescue activities in the Tonga region. Blackmore said the ferry was carrying 49 passengers and 30 crew members when it went down about 54 miles (86 kilometers) northeast of the Tongan capital, Nuku'alofa. Officials revised the total number of passengers to 79, up from an earlier count of 75.

Blackmore told New Zealand's National Radio that most of the 42 people rescued had been on seven life rafts.

"But we understand there were only eight life rafts ... so we are looking for people in the water," he said.

Another 10 people were later pulled from the ocean by three vessels in the area searching for survivors. A fourth rescue vessel, from the Tongan navy, was on its way to the search area, Blackmore added. A Royal New Zealand Air Force P3 Orion maritime surveillance airplane was also searching about 80 square miles (207 sq. kilometers) of ocean for survivors, he said. The Princess Ashika ferry was heading from Nuku'alofa to Ha'afeva, in the nearby Nomuka Islands, when it issues a mayday call about 11 p.m. local time. Within minutes, the rescue center received a distress beacon alert from the vessel, Blackmore said.

There were strong winds at the time, but the water's temperatures were about 77 degrees (25 Celsius)

"There's a lot better chance of surviving in that sort of temperature," Blackmore said. The ferry, built in about 1970, was being used as a fill-in vessel until a new ferry was completed, Blackmore said.

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# Ahmadinejad sworn in as Iran president amid crisis

NASSER KARIMI

Associated Press Writer

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was sworn in for a second term as Iran's president Wednesday while security forces battled hundreds of protesters chanting "Death to the Dictator" in the streets around parliament where the ceremony was held.

Key opposition leaders, moderate lawmakers and all three of Ahmadinejad's election challengers boycotted the swearing in ceremony. State-run Press TV said more than 5,000 security forces were in the streets around parliament and police with sniffer dogs patrolled the area after the opposition called for demonstrations to coincide with the inauguration.

Hundreds of protesters chanted "Death to the Dictator" before security forces broke up a demonstration near parliament, striking people with batons and blasting them with pepper spray, witnesses said.

Some of the protesters wore black T-shirts in a sign of mourning and others wore green — the color of the opposition movement. A middle-aged woman carried a banner warning Iran's leaders if they do not listen to people's demands, they will face the same fate as Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, who was toppled in the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

The ceremony capped almost two months of the worst political turmoil in Iran since the 1979 Islamic Revolution. The opposition staged massive street protests and the crisis split Iran's clerical leadership. Even conservatives from Ahmadinejad's own camp harshly criticized the government over mistreatment of detained opposition activists.

In his inaugural address, Ahmadinejad seemed to tone down his often-bellacose rhetoric and emphasized his plans to improve the faltering economy. He demanded that Iran be on an equal footing with other world powers and denounced foreign interference. The government

has accused the U.S. and the West of backing street protests.

"We must play a key role in the management of the world," Ahmadinejad said. "We will not remain silent. We will not tolerate disrespect, interference and insults," he added. "I will spare no effort to safeguard the frontiers of Iran."

Ahmadinejad noted that some Western countries — including the U.S., Britain, France, Germany and Italy — did not congratulate him on his election win.

"Some countries have not recognized the elections or extended their congratulations. They do not respect the rights of other nations, yet they recognize themselves as the yardstick for democracy," he said, without naming specific countries. "Nobody in Iran is waiting for anyone's congratulations," he added, to cheers from lawmakers.

A British Foreign Office spokesman said his country has serious concerns over the election, Iran's contentious nuclear program and human rights that must be addressed first.

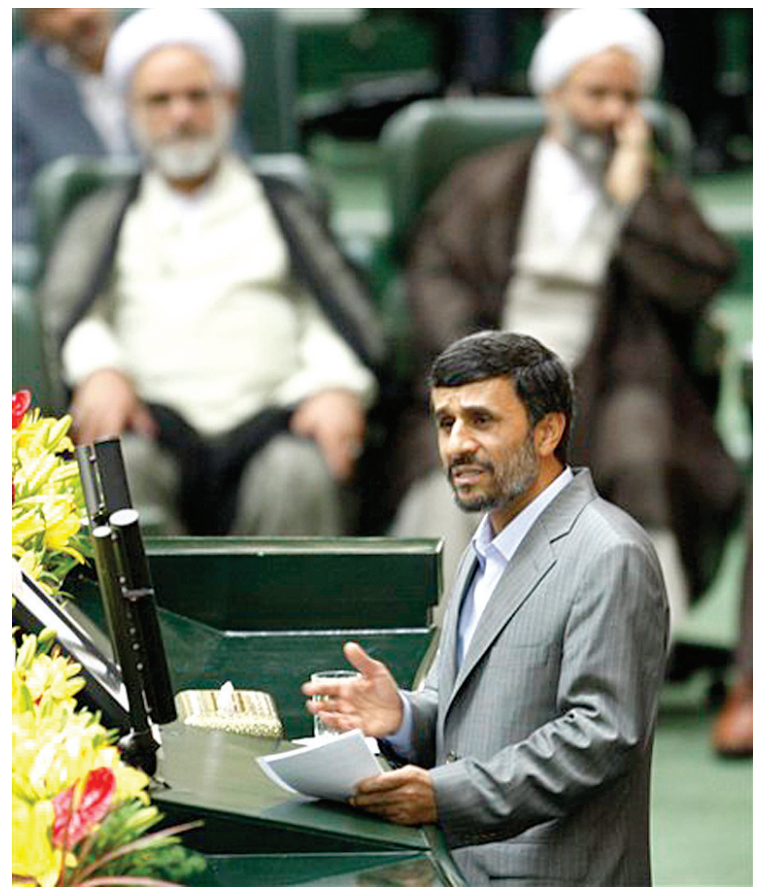
"There are many people

inside Iran who have serious concerns about the outcome and conduct of the election," said the spokesman, who was not authorized to speak on the record. "We have repeatedly called on the government of Iran to address these concerns," he added. "It is not business as usual with Iran, which is why we will not be sending a message of congratulations to Ahmadinejad."

Ahmadinejad did not directly address President Barack Obama's outreach for the start of a dialogue on Iran's nuclear program, which the U.S. suspects is geared toward producing weapons.

But he said: "Iran is a nation of logic, dialogue and constructive interaction. The basis of our foreign policy is wide and constructive contacts with all nations and independent governments based on justice, respect and friendship."

The U.S. administration has given Iran a vague deadline of September to respond positively to the outreach or face stiffened sanctions. But U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton acknowledged recently that the election turmoil appears



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, foreground, delivers his inauguration speech to parliament during his swearing-in ceremony for a second term as president, in Tehran, Iran, Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009. Ahmadinejad was sworn in Wednesday for a second term in office, appealing for national unity and denouncing foreign interference, but his inauguration speech was unusually soft-toned for the normally bellicose Iranian leader.

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to have paralyzed decision-making on the U.S. offer. capacity to make that kind of decision right now," Clinton said. □

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### Giants, Manning agree to six years, \$97 million deal

TOM CANAVAN,  
AP Sports Writer

ALBANY, New York (AP) — Eli Manning has agreed to a new six-year, \$97 million contract extension with the New York Giants that will make him the highest paid player in the NFL with an average salary of roughly \$15.3 million.

A person close to the talks who asked not to be identified says Manning is guaranteed \$35 million under the deal that will keep him with the Giants through the 2015 season. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal was not signed and had not been announced.

There is a chance the deal could be signed Wednesday, but both sides wanted to review the contract, the person said.

Tom Condon, Manning's agent, was not immediately available for comment. Giants general manager Jerry Reese was hopeful that Manning's contract would be completed, adding it's always important to get the quarterback signed.



This is a Dec. 21, 2008, file photo showing New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning celebrating after the Giants scored a touchdown to pull within two points of the Carolina Panthers, 28-26, late in their NFL football game, at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. The Giants tied the game with a two point conversion and won in overtime, 34-28.

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"He is a franchise quarterback," Reese said. "He has done everything we asked him to do. He has come in, taken a lot of flack from you guys (the media) and he just keeps going. He does what we ask

him on the field and he does what we ask him to do off the field. He is a good football player."

Manning declined to talk to the media at lunch.

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### Roddick returns and cruises to 6-3, 6-2 win

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top-seeded Andy Roddick beat Benjamin Becker of Germany 6-3, 6-2 on Wednesday at the Legg Mason Tennis Classic, the American's first match since losing the Wimbledon final to Roger Federer.

Roddick took the extended break to recover from a right hip flexor injury sustained in the July 5 match. He said earlier in the week he had recovered. The long layoff showed in several shots hit long or wide, but he remained in control of the match throughout. He never faced a break point, and had eight aces — including the match winner — with no double-faults.

Twelve of the 16 seeded players were scheduled to play their first match of the tournament Wednesday. Although Roddick easily advanced, four seeds were knocked out. Two of the upsets were by former No. 1-ranked players — Juan Carlos Ferrero defeated fellow Spaniard, seventh-seeded Tommy Robredo 6-3, 6-2, and Australia's Lleyton Hewitt beat No. 15-seed Dudi Sela 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

"He doesn't have the biggest serve out there," Hewitt said. "I was trying to be aggressive."

"I'm trying to get as many tough matches as possible this week and I feel I'm getting better with each match," he said.

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SEATTLE (AP) — Penny Taylor scored seven of her 18 points in overtime, including a key 3-pointer with a minute remaining, lifting the Phoenix Mercury to a 101-90 win over the Seattle Storm in the

WNBA on Tuesday.

In a clash of the two top teams in the Western Conference, Diana Taurasi scored 19 points to lead Phoenix, which opened its Conference lead to three games.

### WNBA Roundup

## Mercury downs Storm in OT

For Seattle, Tanisha Wright scored a season-high 25 points.

Silver Stars 63, Sparks 59

In Los Angeles, San Antonio snuck home to spoil Lisa Leslie's return to action with Los Angeles.

Becky Hammon scored 20 points to rally the Silver Stars, who trailed by four points with 2:23 left but put on an 8-0 surge to seize the game.

Leslie played her first game in six weeks since spraining her right knee and bruising her

right hip, and finished with 13 points in 24 minutes of court time.

Noelle Quinn also had 13 points to lead the Sparks.

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Deanna Nolan had 26 points and a career-high 14 rebounds to lead Detroit past struggling New York.

Katie Smith added 16 points for the Shock.

Shameka Christon scored 14 points for the Liberty, which lost a season-worst fifth straight, with a change of

coach doing little to improve New York's fortunes.

Detroit led by only a point at halftime, but took control with a 12-5 run to start the third quarter.

New York scored the first five points of the fourth quarter to cut the gap to four points, but fell away from there.

**In WNBA action from Tuesday night: San Antonio 63, Los Angeles 59; Detroit 76, New York 64; and Phoenix 101, Seattle 90, OT.**



## AL Roundup

## Longoria's 13th-inning homer beats Red Sox 4-2

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Evan Longoria hit his second homer of the game, a two-run shot off Takashi Saito with two outs in the bottom of the 13th, to give the Tampa Bay Rays a 4-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox in the American League on Tuesday. Longoria, who struck out four times, homered in the eighth off Daniel Bard, tying the score 2-all.

The Red Sox bullpen worked out of jams in the eighth, ninth and 10th innings, but couldn't hold off the Rays for a fourth time. Boston's Dustin Pedroia grounded into an inning-ending double play with the bases loaded in the 10th.

Michel Hernandez walked to start the 13th. After a sacrifice bunt and a groundout, Longoria hit his 23rd homer of the season off Saito (2-3) to end the 4 hour, 57-minute game.

Lance Cormier (2-1) gave up one hit in one inning for the win.

Kevin Youkilis hit his 20th homer for Boston and Pedroia connected for his seventh.

At Chicago, Scott Podsednik's RBI single with two outs in the ninth lifted Chicago and snapped Los Angeles' eight-game road winning streak.

Kevin Jepsen (3-3) retired

the first two batters in the ninth, then allowed Jayson Nix's double and Podsednik's single.

It was the third game-ending hit this season by Podsednik, a 2005 World Series star for Chicago who was re-signed by the team after Colorado cut him in April.

Matt Thornton (6-2), the fourth reliever to follow White Sox starter Jose Contreras, who lasted only 2 2-3 innings, got the win.

At Toronto, Andy Pettitte won for the first time in six starts as New York hit three homers off Roy Halladay to beat Toronto. Pettitte (9-6), who had not won since July 1, allowed one run and four hits in 6 2-3 innings, walking four and striking out six. He left with runners at first and second in the seventh but Phil Hughes came on and struck out Jose Bautista to end the inning.

Hughes gave up two singles to begin the eighth, then struck out two batters before being replaced by Mariano Rivera. Vernon Wells greeted the Yankees closer with a two-run double off the wall in left, cutting it to 4-3. Rivera finished for his 31st save.

Hideki Matsui gave New York some insurance by homering to center on Halladay's first

pitch of the ninth. Johnny Damon and Mark Teixeira hit back-to-back homers in the eighth for a 4-1 lead.

It was the second time this season Halladay (11-5) allowed three homers to the Yankees. It happened in a 6-5, 12-inning loss at New York on July 4.

At Detroit, Brian Matusz and Baltimore spoiled Jarrod Washburn's debut with Detroit.

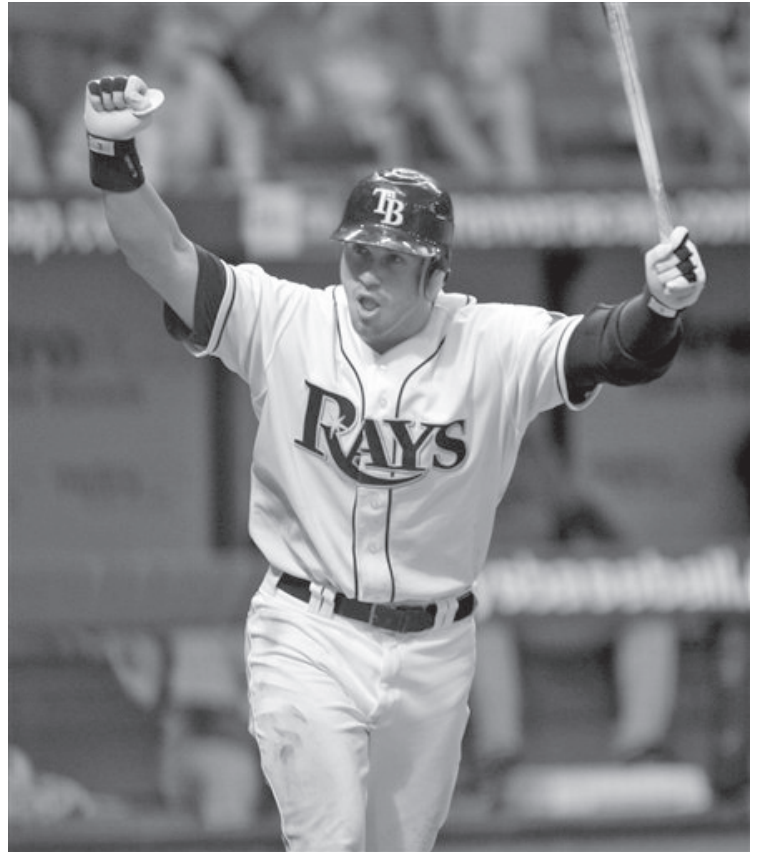
Cesar Izturis and Nick Markakis both homered, drove in three runs and had three hits for Baltimore.

Matusz (1-0), the fourth pick overall in the 2008 draft, allowed a run and six hits in five innings in his major league debut. He walked three and struck out five.

He was 7-0 with a 1.55 ERA for Double-A Bowie before being recalled on Tuesday.

Washburn (8-7), who was acquired from Seattle on July 31 in a deal for pitchers Luke French and Mauricio Robles, gave up six runs and six hits in 5 1-3 innings.

The Orioles blew open a tight game in the sixth with four runs to make it 7-1. Markakis hit a two-run homer and Izturis added a two-run single with the bases loaded and two outs.



Tampa Bay Rays' Evan Longoria celebrates after hitting a two-run home run off Boston Red Sox pitcher Takashi Saito in the 13th inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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At Cleveland, Scott Baker pitched seven scoreless innings and was backed by home runs from Carlos Gomez and Jason Kubel as Minnesota trounced Cleveland. Gomez had three hits and four RBIs, and Joe Mauer hit three of Minnesota's season-high seven doubles as the Twins broke a three-game

losing streak.

**In other AL games it was, Baltimore 8, Detroit 2; Minnesota 10, Cleveland 1; N.Y. Yankees 5, Toronto 3; Tampa Bay 4, Boston 2, 13 innings; Seattle 7, Kansas City 6; Chicago White Sox 5, L.A. Angels 4; and Oakland 6, Texas 0.** □



Dinara Safina, of Russia, hits a forehand during a match against Daniela Hantuchova, of Slovakia, at the LA Women's Tennis Championships in Carson, Calif., Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009. Safina won the match 6-2, 6-4.

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CARSON, California (AP) — Dinara Safina started her bid for a second straight Los Angeles Women's Tennis Championships title with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova on

Wednesday.

Safina, 23, who used last year's championship as a springboard that took her to No. 1 on April 20, grabbed a 3-0 lead in the first set, got another service break to go up 5-2, and won

it on her third set point after going to deuce five times. In the second set, Safina got the last of her five service breaks to take a 4-3 lead and finished the 89-minute match in routine fashion. It was Safina's fifth win in eight matches against Hantuchova and her third win without a loss this year.

"It was a good match," Safina said after the win that earned her a spot in the season-ending championships in Qatar. "I feel I can improve. It was a solid match. I didn't do anything spectacular. We play the same way, so it depends on who's going to take charge

of the points, and I think at the crucial times I was more aggressive today."

Third-seeded Victoria Azarenka was scheduled to meet Maria Sharapova, and No. 4 Caroline Wozniacki was due to face Sorana Cirstea in matches Wednesday night. Second-seeded Vera Zvonareva of Russia advanced with a three-set win over China's Peng Shuai late Tuesday night and will face Belgium's Yanina Wickmayer in the third round. Wickmayer beat American qualifier Jill Craybas, 7-6 (2), 6-1 on Wednesday.

She was joined in the third

round by No. 5 seed Nadia Petrova Russia, a 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 winner over Israel's Shahar Peer.

In other matches, No. 8 seed Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska beat Ai Sugiyama of Japan 6-2, 6-1; No. 10 seed Flavia Pennetta of Italy eliminated young American wild card Coco Vandeweghe 6-2, 6-4; No. 13 Samantha Stosur of Australia topped Russian Maria Kirilenko 6-2, 6-4; and No. 14 Zheng Jie of China beat Elena Vesnina of Russia 6-4, 4-6, 6-0 to set up a third-round match with Safina. □

## Safina, seeking LA repeat, advances to second round



*NL Roundup*

# Manny's HR, 3 RBIs push Dodgers past Brewers 17-4



St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols (5) follows through on a grand slam during the 10th inning of a baseball game against the New York Mets on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, in New York. The Cardinals won 12-7.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Manny Ramirez ended his 10-game RBI drought with a homer and a two-run double in the Los Angeles Dodgers' 17-4 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers in the National League on Tuesday. Matt Kemp had a homer among his four hits while driving in five runs. Kemp had two hits and two RBIs during the seven-run sixth inning, while Russell Martin reached base five times and had three RBIs in the Dodgers' highest-scoring home game in 30

years. With a season-high in runs on 18 hits, Los Angeles improved the majors' best record to 66-41. Los Angeles sent eight men to the plate in a four-run first inning and used 12 batters in the sixth before batting around again in the five-run eighth. Six Dodgers had multihit games, including three apiece for Martin and Andre Ethier. The Dodgers hadn't scored 17 runs at Dodger Stadium since May 25, 1979, against Cincinnati. Ramirez homered off Yovani

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Gallardo (10-8) in the fifth. He hadn't driven in a run since his pinch-hit grand slam July 22. Ramirez, in a 7-for-44 slump before his 12th homer, had a two-run single in the sixth. **Diamondbacks 6, Pirates 0** At Pittsburgh, Yusmeiro Petit took a no-hitter into the eighth inning and combined with Leonel Rosales on a one-hitter as Arizona beat Pittsburgh. Petit (2-5), who snapped a seven-game losing streak with his first victory in more than 11 months in his most recent start, walked three and struck

out four in eight innings. The right-hander threw a season-high 107 pitches — 73 for strikes — in going longer than seven innings for the first time in his career. Ronny Cedeno lined a single to left after Ramon Vazquez led off the eighth with a walk, ending the quest for what would have been the second no-hitter in Diamondbacks history. Ryan Roberts went 4 for 5 with two home runs for Arizona, which has won five of six, while Chris Young homered and Mark Reynolds had three hits and an RBI. Petit was 8-15 with a 5.76 in 59 appearances, 29 starts, in his career. The Pirates have lost three straight and eight of 10. They have been shut out in their last three meetings with Arizona over the past 11 days. They

have been shut out 13 times in all, most in the majors. **Rockies 8, Phillies 3** At Philadelphia, Garrett Atkins homered and had a season-high four RBIs, and Jason Hammel pitched into the seventh inning as Colorado beat Philadelphia for its fifth straight win. Atkins hit a two-out, two-run homer off Jamie Moyer (10-8) in the second inning, then added a two-run double in the sixth after the Phillies cut the lead to 4-2 on a home run by Jimmy Rollins. **In other NL games it was, Arizona 6, Pittsburgh 0; Colorado 8, Philadelphia 3; Washington 6, Florida 4; Chicago Cubs 6, Cincinnati 3; St. Louis 12, N.Y. Mets 7, 10 innings; San Francisco 8, Houston 1; Atlanta 9, San Diego 2; and L.A. Dodgers 17, Milwaukee 4.** □

## RODDICK

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No. 9 seed Mardy Fish of the United States was upset by Philipp Petzschner of Germany 1-6, 6-4, 6-1. It was the first match for Fish since he withdrew from the L.A. Tennis Open before the quarterfinals on Friday due to an abdominal strain sustained in the Davis Cup.

"It's obviously frustrating to be injured," Fish said. "I thought in practice I could do pretty much everything, and it's just not the case."

Fish said the injury bothers him during his serve — he had nine double-faults — and when he stretches for a shot. He wasn't sure how long the injury would affect him or if he would have to miss any tournaments.

"I'll get home, get healthy and get back as soon as I can," Fish said.

Ferrero, a former world No. 1, finished off Robredo with two consecutive aces.

"I was a little bit surprised," Ferrero said. "I expected at the beginning a little bit tougher match, but I was hitting the ball very well today."

Ferrero said he was more relaxed for this match than his opening-round 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-0 win against Nicolas Lapentti.

"I could enjoy the match more today than yesterday," Ferrero said. "For sure."

**In other results, No. 11 seed Ivo Karlovic of Croatia had 18 aces to advance 6-4, 7-5 against Germany's Rainer Schuettler, No. 4 Fernando Gonzalez of Chile beat Colombian Alejandro Falla 7-5, 7-5, and American Wayne Odesnik beat No. 13 of Russia Igor Andreev 2-6, 7-5, 6-4.** □

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New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning runs a drill during NFL football training camp in Albany, N.Y., Monday, Aug. 3, 2009.

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### MANNING

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This deal will give Manning an average salary that is roughly \$200,000 higher than the one earned by All-Pro cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha of the Oakland Raiders, who agreed to a three-year, \$45.3 million contract this year.

Manning's older brother, Peyton, earns an average of \$14.17 million annually with the Indianapolis Colts.

Eli Manning led the Giants to a Super Bowl upset of the New England Patriots in February 2008 and was named the MVP of the game. He was in the final year of the contract he signed as the No. 1 overall pick in 2004 and will make \$9.4 million under that deal this season.

The two sides have been discussing a contract for months, but they worked out the final details in recent days. While Manning's contract was to expire at the end of this season, there was little chance the Giants would lose him to free agency. They could have named him a franchise player and Manning has long said he wants to remain with the Giants. Reese said that a new contract would not put more pressure on Manning.

"He is used to that," Reese said. "He won't get more pressure than he already has in this market. He knows how to handle pressure and he has done it before. I don't expect to see any difference in his attitude and his work ethic. He works hard. He expects a lot from himself. He knows what his role here is with us and we expect him to continue it for a long time." □

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Según el presidente Hugo Chávez:

# Bases EEUU-Colombia podrían provocar guerra

CARACAS (Reuters) - El presidente venezolano, Hugo Chávez, advirtió el miércoles que el plan de Bogotá para permitir a tropas estadounidenses utilizar bases militares colombianas podría desatar un conflicto bélico en América Latina.

Chávez retiró el mes pasado a su embajador en Bogotá y congeló relaciones diplomáticas con Colombia, advirtiendo que podría llegar a interrumpir el comercio bilateral por considerar que el acuerdo es una amenaza para su "revolución socialista" y el equilibrio de poderes en la región.

"Estas bases podrían ser inicio de una guerra en Sudamérica. Se trata de los 'yankees', la nación más agresora de la historia de la humanidad, capaz de

lanzar bombas nucleares en Hiroshima y Nagasaki", dijo Chávez en conferencia de prensa con corresponsales extranjeros.

El presidente de Colombia, Alvaro Uribe, está inmerso en una gira por la región para defender el incremento de la cooperación militar con Washington para combatir el narcotráfico y las guerrillas, asegurando que el acuerdo no contempla la instalación de nuevas bases estadounidenses sino el uso controlado de instalaciones de su país.

Los gobiernos izquierdistas de Bolivia y Ecuador también han criticado fuertemente a Colombia por el acuerdo, mientras que Uribe obtuvo el respaldo de Perú y Chile, antes de dirigirse hacia Argentina, Brasil, Paraguay y Uruguay.

Chávez, un fiero crítico de

Estados Unidos, pidió al presidente Barack Obama no incrementar la presencia militar en Colombia e instó a buscar una salida negociada al conflicto interno que ha azotado por cuatro décadas al país cafetalero.

"Obama en vez de estar mandando más soldados y más aviones y más dólares y más helicópteros y más bombas a Colombia para que haya más guerra y más muerte, debería más bien retirar", dijo el mandatario venezolano. Washington ha entregado a Bogotá más de 5.000 millones de dólares en asistencia militar y entrenamiento para la lucha contra el narcotráfico y grupos armados irregulares en el mayor productor mundial de cocaína, una cooperación muy criticada por Chávez.

"Ese problema de Colombia



El presidente de Venezuela, Hugo Chávez (izquierda en la imagen), junto a un arma antitanques en el palacio Miraflores en Caracas, 5 ago 2009. Chávez pidió el miércoles a Estados Unidos no incrementar su presencia militar en Colombia e instó a buscar una salida negociada al conflicto interno que ha azotado por décadas al país cafetalero. REUTERS/Jorge Silva

## Presidente Uribe consigue respaldo de Chile para base militar EEUU-Colombia

SANTIAGO/CARACAS (Reuters) - Colombia consiguió el miércoles el respaldo de Chile a su soberanía para la aplicación de un plan que permite a Estados Unidos utilizar bases militares colombianas, un despliegue que según el presidente venezolano podría causar una guerra en Sudamérica.

En el segundo día de una gira por varios países de América Latina, le tocó a la presidenta chilena, Michelle Bachelet, el turno de escuchar del propio mandatario colombiano, Alvaro Uribe, las justificaciones sobre el plan militar, que ha sido criticado por líderes izquierdistas y levantó preocupaciones de gobiernos más moderados como el de Brasil y Chile. Mientras que el presidente venezolano, Hugo Chávez, -a quien Uribe no tiene planeado visitar en su actual periplo-

arreció en sus críticas a la idea y advirtió que el uso de bases por parte de militares de Estados Unidos "podrían ser inicio de una guerra en Sudamérica".

El mandatario de Estados Unidos, Barack "Obama, en vez de estar mandando más soldados y más aviones y más dólares y más helicópteros y más bombas a Colombia para que haya más guerra y más muerte, debería más bien retirar", dijo Chávez en rueda de prensa en Caracas con corresponsales extranjeros.

En Chile, frente a la sede de Gobierno en Santiago, donde se celebró el encuentro entre Bachelet y Uribe, llegó una decena de manifestantes para protestar contra el plan militar y fueron detenidos por la policía a la llegada del presidente colombiano al lugar. □

no tiene solución militar, hay que buscarle ya solución política, negociada", aseguró.

Estados Unidos y Colombia son los dos principales socios comerciales de Venezuela,

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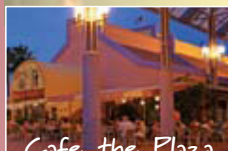
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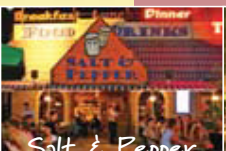
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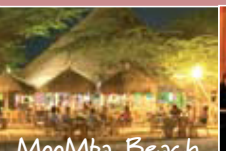
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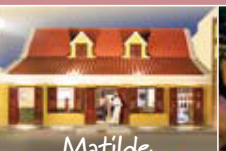
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